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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF:

CASE NO: CR9608 US CNT 2

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SERIAL NO.: 10/689,301

GROUP ART UNIT: 1713

FILED: October 20, 2003

EXAMINER: Roberto Rabago

FOR: POLYMERIZATION OF OLEFINS

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Applicant herein responds to the December 23, 2004 Restriction Requirement.

Election of Species

The Examiner has required Applicants to elect a single disclosed species for prosecution on the merits. Applicants provisionally elect the nickel complex of Example 31, [(2,6-i-PrPh)₂DABAn]NiBr₂, which is used in the polymerization reactions described in Examples 146, 147, 152, 153, 155, 170 and 210. Claims 587-612 read on the elected species.